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Newsletter #173:

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Hello all! I hope it was a good week for everyone. This week has been a lot more manageable on the auction front in comparison to last week where I hardly could come up for air. There is much more upcoming that is exciting. I'm making my first post vaccination visit to Europe at the end of this month. At the moment no U.S. citizens can really travel to the EU but because I am married to a German it doesn't apply to me. While the purpose of my trip is to see my family there I will be able to view and attend a few major auctions. I do hope that some of you will take advantage of this and reach out for representation services.

Here is what is happening in the world of numismatics this week:

NBS Podcast (Shanna Schmidt)

A bit of self promotion here if I may. I had the wonderful opportunity to talk with Lianna Spurrier about myself, my business and of course my numismatic library. If you want to learn a little more about me and have 45 minutes or so to spare here is your opportunity:

https://www.coinbooks.org/resources/podcast.html

What's new at the ANS

I've been having a great time attending the Long Table talks that the ANS give every Friday. The subject matter and the presenters are so varied and interesting. One week I might be listening to a sculptor discuss the medals he has created, the next could be learning about the Columbian Exposition and the competition between New York and Chicago to host it. Tomorrow is with Laure Marest, one of the curators at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. I'm slightly bummed that I will be missing the talk since I have an already scheduled appointment. If you can tune in I would do it. The MFA Boston has an incredible collection of ancient coins. One of a handful of museums that really treasures their coin collection and displays a large portion of them. Here is a link to that:

http://numismatics.org/longtable/

Well, I'm a bit late on this one but I just noticed that the wonderful Ken Bressett did a podcast with curator Doug Mudd and Mitch Sanders. I love the written introduction to the podcast.....their "first celebrity interview". Enough said!

https://www.money.org/podcast

Sincona 69/70 (17-19 May)

While most of the material in these auctions are out of my area I wanted to give a shout out to Sincona because they are celebrating their 10 year anniversary. I received a huge box from them this week with a number of catalogs plus a specially prepared book created for their 10 year celebration. Sincona sometimes has auctions that are ancients-focused and when that happens I am thrilled. I have attended their sales in Zurich and they are very professional and a lot of fun. The three auctions this time are of world coins and medals, Chinese bank notes, bullion and finally Swiss coins and medals (their speciality). I will not be participating in this auction but if you have an interest in any of these types I strongly recommend checking them out on Sixbid or Numisbids. You are certain to have a good auction experience.

CNG 117 (19-20 May)

CNG is hold their 117th mail bid sale next week. A little background on the CNG format of sales in case you aren't aware. CNG has a bi-monthly electronic auction. These sales never deviate from their Wednesday time slot (or if they do I am certainly not aware of it). In addition to the electronic auctions, the firm does paper catalogs for their mail bid and Triton sales (the sale that typically takes place in New York City during the NY International Coin Fair). There are a lot of various lots in this auction that are worth mentioning. Some highlights in my opinion:

1. Lot 125: The archaic Athenian tetradrachm is not as classically beautiful as the later ones but it is stunning nonetheless. This example has a full crested Athena which is very seldom found. At the moment it is priced reasonably....let's see though.
2. Lots 227-233: Some very attractive early coins from King Croisus. These coins are the first bimettalic coinage to come after the early electrum issues. Croisus struck his series in gold and silver with the iconic lion/bull imagery.
3. Lot 263: A unique joint reign stater of Seleucus I and Antiochus I. The only known type is actually a silver drachm (see SC 280.3a) with similar imagery.
4. Lot 286: A rare drachm of Timarchos, from the Seleucid Empire. The only other known piece is in the Bibliothèque nationale de France.
5. Lot 322: A double daric of the Persian Satrap Mazaios
6. Lots 362-398: A group of Kushan coins, some extremely rare from the Archytas Collection
7. Lot 431: A well preserved coin from the Zodiac series under Antoninus Pius
8. Lot 508: A Roman military diploma from the year 79 AD under the reign of Vespasian
9. Lots 595 and 597: Two short lived Roman Usurpers, Pactian and Jotapian
10. Lot 604: The elusive Zenobia antoninianus
11. Lot 986: A gold ecclesiastical ring from Merica in the Anglo-Saxon time period

I will be actively bidding in this auction so please get in touch if you need representation help.

Kolbe & Fanning has a nice auction featuring the libraries of Richard E. Margolis (a continuation since there was already one auction with his material), Roger Persichilli, John Dannreuther and others. I noticed lot 6 in the catalog which is a memorial volume created in 1929 by Max von Bahrfeldt to celebrate the numismatist Ernst Justus Haeberlin (think of the Aes Grave book among others assembled by Haeberlin). I recently purchased this book which was owned by George Kolbe and it is a gem. If you don't read German you might not find it so friendly to read but if you do then this rarely offered book is one to consider! Lot 47 is a photographic record of the entire Charles Gillet (otherwise known as Kunstfreund "Friend of Art"). Little secret here....I actually was responsible for making those few bound publications. While at Harlan J. Berk Ltd. I made a limited number of them from the plates prepared by the late Sylvia Hurter of Bank Leu who handled the collection. I don't own a copy of them now but I would love to get my hands on one. There are several SNG series books being offered as well so if you are missing one of these you might find it here. Of course there are numerous publications on Medieval and U.S. coins. I'll be participating so let me know if you need any help.

Leu Web Auction 16 (22-24 May)

Leu will be conducting their 16th web auction from the 22-24 of May. This monumental sale has 5,150 lots of mainly ancient coins. There are 160 world coins on day 3 and prior to that over 500 medieval and Islamic coins. There are a few highlighted collections in this sale. It starts with the Birger Bentsen collection of 90 gold coins ranging from the large early electrum Cyzicenes to the end of the Roman empire. There is also one Byzantine and one Visigothic gold coin as well. The starting prices are low but this is likely a good decision on the part of Leu based on the current strong market. Presumably the hammers will be much stronger than the current estimations.

Another collection, much larger, is the Rhakotis Collection of 936 lots. The collection is filled with coins from the Ptolemaic era where there are many examples of large bronzes. Anyone looking for a lovely bronze in this time period go no further. It can be found here! The collection goes through the various Roman emperors and their coinage struck in Egypt. Many of the Roman provincial coins are well worn but there are various types that are scarcely seen in auction like the Zodiac series or the Labors of Hercules. The collection ends with some lead tessera. It really is an impressive collection that looks like it took years to assemble.

Just after the Egyptian collection comes a large section of 191 lead tessera. Tessera is a very specialized area of collecting but if you are one that enjoys them then this will be an auction to check out.

There is much more that I haven't touched on but generally I think this auction has a lot to offer but you need a certain level of patience to get through the numerous lots. Well done to Leu!

Coin of the Week

KINGS OF MACEDON. Antigonos III Doson. 229-221 BC. Amphipolis mint(?), c. 227-225 BC.
AR Tetradrachm, 17.05g (30mm, 11h). Poseidon / Apollo seated on prow, on which is inscribed ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΓΟΝΟΥ. Monogram below.

Pedigree: Ex. CNG Auction 87, 18 May 2011, lot 397

Grade: Impeccable strike and style. Fully struck with beautiful toning and details. Nearly Mint State

Price: $19,500

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Antigonus was made regent for the young boy. He was deemed an effective regent by the people so much so that he was asked to rule Macedonia as King. Doson did just that but still felt strongly that he was acting ruler until his cousin's son came of a reasonable age to rule.

Antigonus Doson was a well-respected ruler and a man with a skill for diplomacy. He managed not only to secure his country's borders but also to reestablish Macedonia's power in the region. In 224 BC he rebuilt the Hellenic League with other surrounding Greek city states. Unfortunately Doson died soon after peace in Macedonia was established. While his forces were in the southern Peloponnese, the Illyrians (modern day Croatia) invaded northern Macedonia. Antigonus Doson rushed to support the troops and died of an unfortunate ruptured artery.

His cousin's son Philip V succeeded him.

https://www.shannaschmidt.com/greek-coins/kings-of-macedon-antigonos-iii-doson-229-221-bc-amphipolis-mint-c-227-225-bc?rq=gk1484

If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

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